

**Reading : Do you know how laws are passed in your country?**

## Silly Laws around the World

Every country has its own set of rules or laws. Laws are created by governments, and they are generally approved by a legislative body—such as the Congress or the Parliament. Laws are typically made for a reason, but some laws can be really silly.

It was once against the law to slam a car door in Switzerland. And Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because the cartoon character didn't wear pants. In England, if you found a whale on the beach, you couldn't keep it. It belonged to the king because it was considered a special animal.

Until 1874, people in Belgium had to choose their children's names from a list written at the time of Napoleon. Nowadays many countries still have strict laws regarding names. It is to prevent parents from giving children ridiculous names: In Brazil, a woman was called Disneylandia da Silva, and twins were called Fish and Chips in New Zealand.



### A: Write the mean of the words.

1. country: \_\_\_\_\_
3. law: \_\_\_\_\_
5. approve: \_\_\_\_\_
7. silly: \_\_\_\_\_
9. consider: \_\_\_\_\_

2. rule: \_\_\_\_\_
4. government: \_\_\_\_\_
6. typically: \_\_\_\_\_
8. whale: \_\_\_\_\_
10. prevent: \_\_\_\_\_

### B: About reading.

1. Why was Donald Duck banned in Finland?

2. Why are there laws about names?

3. What two things are against the law in Pennsylvania?

4. What is still a driving offense in U.S. today?



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